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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION COMPLAINTS AGAINST UK

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- 1. FCO (DONNELLY, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND DEPARTMENT)
  CALLED US TODAY TO SAY THAT BRITISH HAVE NOW REACHED
  DECISION ON HOW THEY WILL RESPOND TO HRC SUBCOMMISSION
  CITATION. HE CONFIRMED THAT HMG WILL TAKE APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 5, REF A), I.E., MAKE A GENERAL DEFENSE OF UK
  POSITION IN LIGHT OF PARTICULAR NI SITUATION. THEY HOPE
  THAT, AS A RESULT, HRC WILL DISMISS COMPLAINTS AGAINST
  UK AS NOT SHOWING A "CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS." AS A FALLBACK, HMG WOULD TRY TO
  GET HRC TO REFER MATTER BACK TO SUBCOMMISSION FOR FURTHER
  STUDY WHERE, HOPEFULLY, MATTER MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO DIE
  IN OBSCURITY.
- 2. HMG WILL OPPOSE ANY POSSIBLE HRC DECISION TO MAKE A STUDY ON ITS OWN (CONSISTENT WITH PARA 2 REF B)).
- 3. FCO HOPES US WILL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ITS POSITION IN HRC. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE DO SO. CONFIDENTIAL

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